7/31/72 For your file on the press: It just occurred to me that the Gervais flap came in the middle of the alleged fight over the nomination of Kleindienst to which such major papers as the Times and Post also allegedly were opposed.

Kleindienst's involvement in the betrayal of Canadian trust was overt. One of the DJ people named was assigned to his office, I believe the one who expressed secret misgivibgs about betraying Canadian trust by getting Gervais to spy on Canadian policy while enjoying Justice-arranged sanctuary in Canada.

But not one paper reported Kleindienst's involvement, to the best of my knowledge. And it was known to at least one. I asked a reporter friend to check the phone index all have and thus learned it. In fact, that is also the way I got the correct spelling of some of the names.

An MP stood in Parliament on two occasions or asked two questions of Trudeau on the matter and had some bitter words to say about it. The Canadian papers also identified the oil company involved, Gulf. I recall no mention of the asking of Parliamentary questions, a rather serious event in parliamentary systems, and rather than the naming of Gulf, the papers here dutifully carried the official explanation that to name the company would be to risk damaging it, esp. in La., where so large a % of its business was located.

If Trudeau answered, as he promised, I have not seen that reported, either.

Nothing like a completely free and unfettered press, is there? HW